(e) the steps taken by Government to bail out the Corporation in critical condition so that minority community continues to secure funds;

(f) whether Government proposes to, help minority community to secure loans at subsidized rates for setting up projects; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a), (b) and (d) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) provides financial assistance to beneficiaries belonging to the minority communities through State channelising Agencies (SCAs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Some SCAs have a weak infrastructure resulting in low recovery from beneficiaries.

(c) An amount of about Rs. 742.35 crores is outstanding, not all of which is due-yet.

(e) The overall recovery position of NMDFC under the term loan scheme is 82%. However, to further improve the situation, a scheme of grants-in-aid for strengthening the SCAs was started in 2007-08, after repeated advisories to State Governments for improvement of the infrastructure of SCAs elicited little response. It is expected that such assistance would, among other things, improve the delivery system of SCAs leading to better recovery of loans.

(f) and (g) NMDFC provides financial assistance, on concessional terms, to people belonging to the minority communities living below double the poverty line. Term loans are extended at 6% and micro-finance at 5%, to eligible beneficiaries. The Central Government has already contributed Rs. 520.36 crores towards the equity of NMDFC and the outlay for contribution to the equity of NMDFC in the XIth Plan is Rs. 500 crores.

Upliftment of minority community

1482. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have evolved special measures and allocated funds towards upliftment of minority community on the basis of the recommendations of the Sachar Committee;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by the States;

(c) whether the Central Government has taken/proposes to take measures to implement the Committee's recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (d) The Sachar Committee was constituted by the Central Government and a statement on the follow-up action on the recommendations of that Committee has been laid in the House on 31.08.2007. The States have been advised by the Ministries/Departments concerned to take action on issues within the domain of States.

Development of muslim community

1483. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked those States where the social, economic and educational status of the Muslim minority community, as per Sachar Committee Report, has been highlighted to be worse compared to other States, to make special efforts for improving the situation;

(b) if so, the details of those States and the advice given to their Governments;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has constituted the National Data Bank (NDB) and the Assessment and Monitoring Authority (AMA) and also the Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC); and

(e) if so, the details thereof, including their constituents and the task, if any, mandated for each?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) The Sachar Committee was constituted by the Central Government and a statement on the follow-up action on the recommendations of that Committee has been laid in the House on 31.08.2007. The States have been advised by the Ministries/Departments concerned to take action on issues within their domain. A multi-sectoral development programme for developing 90 minority concentration districts in 20 States, which are relatively backward, has been formulated. Plans for 19 districts have already been approved by the Empowered Committee.

(d) and (e) An Assessment and Monitoring Authority has been constituted to evaluate, *inter-alia,* the data maintained by the National Data Bank in the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. The Equal Opportunity Commission has not been set up as yet.

Projects for generation of power

1484.SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects presently under operation for power generation under the Ministry;

(b) the details of power generated from each renewable energy source during the last three years, year-wise and source-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to increase power generation from these sources; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated to each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Details of renewable power generation capacity installed under various promotional schemes / programmes of the Ministry during the last three years, *i.e.*, 2005-06 to 2007-08, are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A capacity addition of 15,000 MW (14,000 MW grid-interactive and 1,000 MW off-grid / distributed) from renewable energy sources is envisaged during the 11th Plan. Thus, by the end of the 41th Plan grid-interactive renewable power installed capacity is likely to cross 24,000 MW or about 11 per cent of the then likely total installed power generation capacity. A total outlay of Rs. 1,000 crore has been allocated for grid-interactive and distributed renewable power generation during the 11th Plan period.